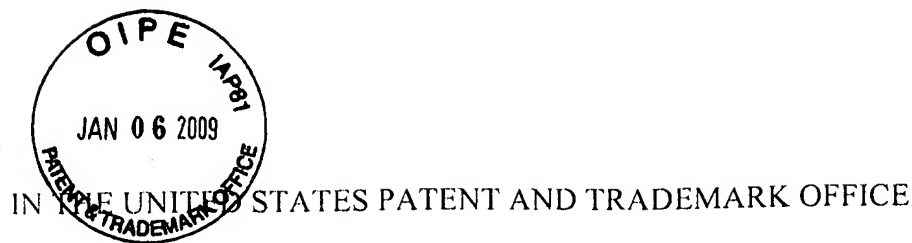


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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements that were previously filed on September 6, 2007 and February 5, 2007, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner a Chinese Office Action dated November 7, 2008, with respect to patent family member Chinese Patent Application No. 200580007234.8, in which European Patent Publication No. EP 0 428 175 A1 was cited.

The relevance of this document, as ascertained with respect to the Chinese claims by the Chinese Examiner, is set forth in the Chinese Office Action. A copy of the European patent publication is enclosed.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. The above-noted foreign document is attached hereto, and is listed on the attached PTO-

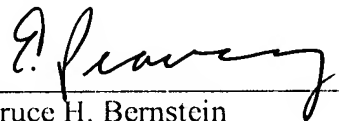
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1449 Form. Copies of the Chinese Office Action and an English translation thereof are also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached form and to return a copy of the completed form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus, no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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